are not given higher appointments in the Registration Department?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Up to Rs. 20 unpassed hands can be appointed.

Economic Survey—Progress.

60. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Iyer** :— Will the Government be pleased to state how far the economical survey has progressed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— 1. *Investigation*— Investigation work has been completed in Nayarambalam, Anthikad, Choondal and Eruthempathi, the villages elected for survey in 1109. The investigation of Pattancheri, the first of the villages selected for survey in 1110 is in progress and will be completed before Christmas holidays begin.

(2) *Compilation* :— The compilation of the statistics collected from Nayarambalam and Anthikad has been finished and the figures relating to Choondal are being tabulated.

3. *Report* : —The report on the villages the statistics of which have been already compiled, is under preparation.

Mr. T.A. Ramachandra Iyer :—What are the villages for survey this year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— I am sorry I have not got that information here.

Mr. George Chakyamuri :— How many villages have you selected this year?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— Four.

Mr. George Chakyamuri:— Are the Government going to continue this next year also?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— It cannot be answered at present.

Mr. George Chakyamuri:—The original idea was to select four typical villages and proceed on the basis of the facts collected. You say you have finished four villages and selected another four. Will the process continue?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— No.

Mr. Ekkanda Warriar :— Is the Government going to publish an interim report or are they going to wait till the end of the survey?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— There is no idea to publish an interim report

Mr. Ekkanda Warriar:— May I know when will they be able to publish the report?

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Rama Varmha Tampuran :— The report is under preparation. I cannot answer that question with any definiteness.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :— Roughly ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :—It will be possible to publish the report with regard to the first four villages in the next six months. It is a fairly long report and the investigations cover more than 50 to 60 items.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— Has the Government any idea as to when this investigation will be completed ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— I cannot answer that question with any amount of definiteness.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :—Will it end on the Doomsday ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— Everything will end on the Doomsday.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph :— By what time do they expect to collect sufficient materials ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— As soon as the report is published.

Mr. C. A Ouseph :—Will it be over in one or two years ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— I have answered that. I cannot say with any definiteness as to how many months or how many weeks the officer will take to complete his report. If I ask the Officer he will be able to give the information.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :— Can he complete it in years ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :—He can complete it in years, tens of years and hundreds of years. Mathematics provides for all these calculations.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— Has the Government any idea as to when it will be completed ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :—I have answered that thrice. I can again repeat it if the Member wants it. Unless I ask the officer-in-charge as to how many more months he will take to complete his investigation and prepare his report finally how can I give an of-hand answer ? If I say three months and the officer takes 4 months the House will think that the correct information has not been furnished. If the Hon'ble Member will put a further question at the next meeting I can readily answer it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— Is an investigation of all the villages proposed ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— I don't think so.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon :— Has the investigation officer submitted any time-table for the work ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— He has not submitted anything like a time-table. He has given us an idea as to how

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he will proceed with the work and which villages he will take up first.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon :— From the idea given by the investigation officer is the Government in a position to state the probable time the officer may take ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— We are not in a position to give that information on the basis of the data that we are in possession of at present.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon :—I understand from the answer given that the investigation of four villages is over. Is it the idea of the Government to publish the report as a whole or in pamphlets, one for each village ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— It will be one report which will contain a comprehensive idea of the whole thing.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon :—Then is it likely that it will be ready in a short time ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— I can't say definitely. I must ask the officer.

Mr. George Chakyamuri:— May I know, Sir, what was the idea of the Government originally when they started the survey? Had they any idea to finish the survey in a fixed period and, if so, what was the period ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— I cannot answer that question definitely without looking into past papers. The idea was to look into four or five representative villages in different areas and out of the materials collected to make a report. To the best of my memory at present I don't think any fixed period has been given in the original orders.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— May I know whether the Government have not put off several important objects such as the opening of a Land Mortgage Bank etc. till the report on this subject is received ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— That is quite true.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :—In the light of that whether the Government will see its way to finish this important work in a few years ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— I don't think any further reply is required from me on this point. I don't think it will take years to prepare this report. I suppose it will be finished very soon.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar :— May I know whether this officer is going to be appointed as Loan Officer ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— I have no idea.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :— Is the Government in a

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position to assure us that action will be taken on this report before the present economic crisis is over ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— This survey has never been intended to meet any economic crisis. This survey has nothing to do with the present economic depression.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar :— Why was it started?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— To know the economic condition of the State.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim :—Was it started to employ anybody in particular or to provide for somebody ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran :— To provide everybody in the State.

Adjournment Motion : regarding the appointment of a Prosecuting Officer for the Padiyur Murder Case.

President:— Notice of an adjournment motion has been received from Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :

"Under rule 18 of the Council rules, I have the honour to request for leave for the adjournment of the business of the council for the purpose of discussing an urgent matter of public importance, to wit, the extreme indifference shown by the Government in not appointing an officer to prosecute the Padiyur Murder Case which necessitated the adjournment of the case by the Special Session Judge on 4th Vrischigam 1110."

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan :— Mr. President, Sir, I understand that this case is a very sensational murder case, which is very old and I also understand that this case, for certain reasons, had to be transferred from one jurisdiction to another. The work of the permanent Sessions Judge of Anjikaimal division is so heavy that the Government thought it desirable and necessary to have an additional Sessions Judge and therefore empowered the additional District Judge of this division to try this particular case. I also understand that the case was posted by this Special Judge for trial on the 4th of this month. I further understand that for the sole reason of not having an officer to prosecute the case, the case had to be adjourned with enormous inconvenience to more than a hundred persons who figured as prosecution witnesses and at very great cost to the Government. In my view the matter appears to be one of supreme indifference on the part of the Government in not having appointed a Public Prosecutor to go on with this important murder case which had

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